

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 473

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James England of Gallatin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James “Jimmy” England; and

WHEREAS, Mr. England was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy England, the son of the late Robert Lee England, Sr., and Nora Kate Williams England, served with valor and honor as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-four years, Mr. England served with acumen and alacrity as the Sumner County Clerk, in which position he earned the respect of all Sumner Countians for the exemplary quality of his work. He also rendered sterling service as a Sumner County Commissioner for one term, proving to be a dedicated and forthright civic leader; and

WHEREAS, he was a leader within his profession as well, serving as the President of the Tennessee County Clerks’ Association and the County Officials of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy England dedicated much of his time and energies to a number of civic and community organizations, serving as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6197 and holding District Commander and Department of Tennessee Commander positions within the VFW, standing as President of the Gallatin Kiwanis, and serving as chairman of the Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency, the Chamber of Commerce, the Hendersonville Noon Sertoma, King Solomon Lodge #94, and the Al Menah Shrine Temple; and

WHEREAS, Mr. England was an active and devout member of the Gallatin First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy England was preceded in death by his parents; the mother of his children, Sarah Chambers England; his son, James A. "Al" England, Jr.; and siblings R.L. England, Neil England, Russell England, Margaret Goad, Louise Murphey, Etta Mae Scahbrough, Kathryn Ford, and Norma Allen; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered by his children, Teresa England and Michael Wayne England, Sr.; his sister, Elaine Moncrief; his daughters-in-law, Paula England Sweeney and Pamela England; his grandchildren, Leanne Duffle, Marian Madden, Brandon England, Beth Brooks, and Michael Wayne "Bo" England, Jr.; and his great-grandchildren, Kate, Colton, Kaylor Gregory, Della, and Grayson; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy England leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James "Jimmy" England, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. England.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.